

V.—From Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the New Hampshire Historical Society; Author of The History of Concord, etc., and Editor of The Collections of the N. H. Historical Society.*

CONCORD, N. H., August 13, 1867.

HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq.

DEAR SIR,

*** I trust you will pardon me for saying, with all frankness and sincerity, that heretofore the criticisms in the Magazine, on New England, New England Institutions, and especially on Massachusetts men and books, have been so severe, and in my judgment, so unjust that I cannot endorse it for the future. I think a work of such a character as THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, should be eminently impartial and true.

Very respectfully,

I am Yours, etc.,

N. BOUTON,

Cor. Sec. N. H. Hist. Soc.

VI.—From Captain W. F. GOODWIN, U. S. A. Librarian of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

This valuable monthly, the only one of the kind published in America, has recently passed into the hands of Henry B. Dawson, of Morrisania, N. Y., whose reputation as a historical writer and author is too well known to need mention. The Magazine has entered upon its tenth year, and has an established reputation among the best scholars of the world, sufficient to find a place in their libraries.

I can cordially recommend this Magazine to the favorable consideration of the members of our NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, and hope that they will, one and all, subscribe for it. (From The Statesman, Concord, Sept. 28, 1866.)

VII. From Rev. PLINY H. WHITE, D. D., President of the Vermont Historical Society.

The undersigned having been a reader of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE from its beginning until now, takes pleasure in attesting to its great value as a repository of American History and Biography, in which is contained much that cannot be found elsewhere, as well as much that can only elsewhere be found in sources quite inaccessible to the great majority of the students of History.

PLINY H. WHITE,

COVENTRY, VT., 12th August, 1867.

VIII. From Hon. HILAND HALL, late President of the Vermont Historical Society, and formerly Governor of the State.

I have been a subscriber to the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE for nine years past, and concur in the above statement of the Rev. Pliny H. White.

HILAND HALL.

NORTH BENNINGTON, VT.,
August 22, 1867.

IX. From SAMUEL G. DRAKE, Esq., late President of The New England Historic Genealogical Society; Author of The History and Antiquities of the City of Boston, Biography and History of the Indians of North America, etc.; and Editor of The Old Indian Chronicle, The N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, etc.

BOSTON, 12th August, 1867,

HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR :

Respecting the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, its great value and usefulness, there can be but one opinion among students in American History; and of your ability to conduct such a periodical, I do not think there has ever been a question. That there are those who express disapprobation of some of the statements and opinions is true; and I must confess I

am among that number. Yet, at the same time, such statements (by some termed "sectional aspersions") and opinions, have not sufficient influence upon me to cause me to undervalue any historical facts, nor to underrate the ability of an Editor who has shown an acumen in intricate historical investigations seldom equalled, and rarely surpassed.

With my best wishes for your health and prosperity,

I remain truly yours,

SAMUEL G. DRAKE.

X. From JOHN WARD DEAN, Esq., late Secretary of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, etc.

BOSTON, August 1st, 1867.

I cordially recommend the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE to the patronage of the public. Its present editor, HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq., possesses rare qualifications for that position, being a gentleman of extensive historical reading, and great industry in research, while, at the same time, he possesses a clear and vigorous style. Though differing from him in some of his opinions, and disapproving the manner in which he has presented them to his readers, I believe him to be a conscientious writer, who, while bold in promulgating his own views, is always ready to open his pages to the communications of his opponents.

JOHN WARD DEAN.

XI. From WILLIAM F. POOLE, Esq., Librarian of The Boston Athenaeum, and Author of An Index to Periodical Literature, etc.—the celebrated "P" of The Evening Transcript.

Nov. 9, [1866.]

MR. DAWSON,

DEAR SIR : I have received several times a Circular from you on the supposition that this Library did not take THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. This Library has taken the Magazine from its commencement, and we value it very highly. We do not propose to do without it.

W. F. POOLE, Librarian.

P. S. I have written the above that you might not think we were so stupid at "the Hub" as not to be aware of the merits of your Magazine.

W. F. P.

XII. From J. WINGATE THORNTON, Esq., Author of Landing at Cape Ann, etc.

20 COURT STREET, BOSTON,

Sept. 14th, 1867.

MY DEAR DAWSON :

I assure you that no more welcome page comes to my table than that of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, with its rich and varied miscellany of historical lore and monthly record of and antiquarian learning.

You rescue from oblivion original papers illustrative of every portion of our Republic, from the very beginning even until now. The existence of such masses of unused materials shows with what discrimination, if not skepticism, "histories," mere compendiums as they must be, should be received; and no writer can prudently omit an examination of the pages of the Magazine. Of course a thorough index of names of places, persons, and things, is indispensable; and the omission of this, in some of the earlier volumes, seriously impairs their usefulness.

Your Book notices are admirable; *they are honest*; and though sometimes a dissent may be entered, you always give "a reason for the faith that is in you," if not always conclusive.

That the editorial pen is not *nibbed* in Boston, nor the editorial spectacles furnished by Boston opticians, is *very* apparent; but why Boston nobs and lenses—not all alike—may not be quite as true and trusty as those of New York, is not apparent.

Your harsh words to us in the East are useless, more than useless, and cannot be classed under what Disraeli calls the "Amenities of Literature."

Wishing you the full success which exact and thorough learning, untiring diligence, historical acumen, and honest conviction, may rightly challenge,

I am, yours sincerely,

J. WINGATE THORNTON.

XIII.—*From Hon. J. RUSSELL BARTLETT, Secretary of the State of Rhode Island, Author of The Progress of Ethnology; Dictionary of Americanisms, Report on the Mexican Boundary Line, etc.*

The editorship of this periodical has again passed into the hands of Mr. Henry B. Dawson, a gentleman better qualified for the task than any of whom we have knowledge. Mr. Dawson has written and edited a large number of books and pamphlets upon American History, in which he has elucidated points which had previously been involved in obscurity; indeed, he seems to have a taste for those subjects of historical and antiquarian research which most writers avoid.—*From The Providence Journal, September 19th, 1866.*

XIV.—*From Professor GEORGE WASHINGTON GREENE, Author of Life of Gen. Nathaniel Greene, etc.*

EAST GREENWICH, R. I. 18th Sept. 1867.

MY DEAR DAWSON:

You ask me for my opinion of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. I give it without hesitation or reserve.

I think that the impulsiveness of your nature leads you at times into forms of expression which irritate without convincing, and awaken opposition where your real object is to invite impartial research. This is particularly apparent whenever you speak of New England or New England men. I feel it as a New Englander; and I deeply regret it as a student of History and your friend. The bitterness of opinions is a dangerous element in the discussion of historical truth.

I have told you candidly what I disapprove in the Magazine. I will tell you with equal candor what I admire. I admire your vigor, your industry, the depth and the range of your inquiries. I think that you have succeeded in bringing together a large number of important documents which might otherwise have been lost—or what is equivalent to lost—have remained buried in private collections. I think that as a medium of enquiry upon historical questions your work is of inestimable value; and I should regard the suspension of it as a literary calamity.

Very truly yours,

G. W. GREENE.

MR. H. B. DAWSON.

XV.—*From the late WILLIAM L. WEAVER, Esq., the Genealogist of Windham County, Conn.*

The Magazine contains articles of real historical value, *From The Willimantic Journal, Sept. 20, 1866.*

The improved character of the work under the new management noticed in the August number, is continued. They contain much curious and valuable historical information. *From the same paper, Nov. 1, 1866.*

XVI.—*From Officers and Members of THE LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.*

THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, now in its tenth volume, has always had a special interest for me, and I therefore most willingly recommend that the members of the Long Island Historical Society should give it their support, particularly as the Editor proposes to report the meetings of our Society.

J. CARSON BREVOORT.

BROOKLYN, October 13, 1866.

J. GREENWOOD,
ALDEN J. SPOONER,
R. S. STORES, JR.,
JOHN BLUNT,
CHARLES CONGDON,
A. M. WOOD,
THOS. W. FIELD

From the testimony of the gentlemen signing above, I feel free to commend the Magazine.

H. W. BEECHER.

XVII.—*From Officers and Members of THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.*

The undersigned have great pleasure in recommending to the favor and support of the public, THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, which, under its present management, promises to

surpass its former high reputation, and which, by reason of its Reports of Meetings, will be especially interesting to the members of The New York Historical Society.

New York, September, 1866.

FREDERICK DE PEYSTER,	THOMAS DE WITT, D. D., ¹
BENJ. R. WINTHROP,	JOHN ROMNEY BRODHEAD,
ANDREW WARNER,	BENJ. H. FIELD,
GEORGE H. MOORE,	ISAAC FERRIS, D. D.,
CHARLES P. KIRKLAND,	E. C. BENEDEKT,
	JAMES LENOX.

XVIII.—*From Officers and Members of THE AMERICAN ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY.*

The undersigned cheerfully concur with the officers and members of The Long Island and The New York Historical Societies, in their good opinions of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, and in their commendation of it to the favor and support of every scholar in the country.

THOS. EBWANK,
E. H. DAVIS, M. D.
HENRY T. DROWNE,
H. R. STILES, M. D.

XIX.—*From THE CLERGY, in the City of New York.*

THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, under the editorial charge of Mr. Dawson has been enlarged and greatly increased in value. It is a periodical much needed, and in the collection of materials for History much industry and research are manifested. It has deserved claims upon a liberal and increased patronage in our community.

THOMAS DEWITT,

[Senior Pastor of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y.]

I concur in the foregoing recommendation of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, considering it to be a very valuable and important work, and deserving of a liberal support.

MORGAN DIX,

[Rector of Trinity Church, New York.]

We concur with the foregoing recommendations.

E. H. CHAPIN,

[Pastor of the Fourth Universalist Church, New York.]

EDWIN F. HATFIELD,

[Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.]

SAMUEL OSGOOD,

[Pastor of the Church of the Messiah, New York.]

HOWARD CROSBY,

[Pastor of Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church.]

JOHN C. LOWRIE,

[Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions.]

THOS. D. ANDERSON,

[Pastor of First Baptist Church.]

XX.—*From well-known Gentlemen residing in the city of New York.*

NEW YORK, Aug. 19, 1867.

I have for some years been a subscriber to THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE.

It contains a great amount of interesting and useful historical information, and may be consulted with advantage by all students of History, especially of the History of the City and State of New York.

Its present Editor, Mr. Henry B. Dawson, is fully qualified by his tastes, acquirements, and studies to render the Magazine hereafter, as it has been heretofore, a valuable acquisition to the student and the lover of our History.

CHARLES P. KIRKLAND.

We fully concur in the expressions of opinion of Mr. Kirkland, both as to the merits of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, and of its present Editor, Mr. Henry B. Dawson.

JOHN COCHRANE,

[Late Attorney-General of New York.]

GEORGE OUDYKE,

[Late Mayor of the City of New York.]

HAMILTON FISH.

[President of the N. Y. Historical Society, late Governor of the State and Senator in Congress.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 30, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR:

I have been a subscriber to THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE from its beginning; and regard it as a most useful and valuable

uable publication. As a permanent record of facts in respect to the early history of this City and State, which, if not now collected and preserved, would be liable to be lost forever, it supplies a necessity which no other journal fulfills; and deserves the encouragement and support of all who take an interest in historical researches, or feel a patriotic pride in the great Commonwealth or in the great Continental Metropolis to which we belong.

With much respect, and with cordial regard,

I remain, very truly yours, etc.,
HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq. S. J. TILDEN.

I concur in the above.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN,
[Major of the City of New York.]

I also concur. The Magazine has greatly improved under the management of Mr. Dawson, and in addition to being a vehicle for the publication of valuable papers and historical documents, it seems destined to become the substitute in this country for *Notes and Queries*.

CHAS P. DALY,

[First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.]

I fully concur with Judge Daly in the above recommendation.

G. C. VERPLANCK.

XXI.—From Hon. JOHN V. L. PRUYN, Chancellor of the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

ALBANY, August 19th, 1867.

The HISTORICAL MAGAZINE is a publication of great interest to all who are desirous to acquaint themselves with the History of our Country, and especially that of the State of New York. Great research is evinced in many of its articles, and its tone is manly and independent.

I hope that it will receive a liberal support from the public.

JOHN V. L. PRUYN.

XXII.—From BENSON J. LOSSING, Esq., Author of The Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution, History of the United States, etc.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1867.

FRIEND DAWSON:

It will give me great pleasure, I assure you, to contribute any way that I may to the columns and the support of the Magazine. You are doing a great public service in saving from possible annihilation valuable papers relating to the early History of our State. Fire might strike those documents out of existence in MS. state: it would take many fires to annihilate them in your printed form.

As ever, your sincere friend,

BENSON J. LOSSING.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1867.

H. B. DAWSON, Esq.:

I have been a careful reader of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE from its commencement in 1857 until now, and I regard it as one of the most useful publications of the day, for it is a repository and safe custodian of some of the rarest treasures of American History. But for its service these might be lost or remain forever unknown.

I heartily concur in the commendatory words of the officers and several distinguished members of The New York Historical Society, saying that "under its present management THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE promises to surpass its former high reputation, and which, by its reports of meetings, will be especially interesting to the New York Historical Society." I will add that it is equally interesting to every student of American History.

BENSON J. LOSSING.

XXIII.—From EVERETT A. DUYCKINCK, Esq., Author of Cyclopaedia of American Literature, late Editor of The Literary World, etc.

20 CLINTON PLACE,
NEW YORK, August 18, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR:

I learn with pleasure that you are continuing your efforts for the improvement and permanent establishment of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. I have always regarded it as an important enterprise, and heartily wish for its success. The series has already much valuable matter, which will in vain be looked for elsewhere. You have recently added to it

many features of interest, in Reports, Reviews, the publication of original Essays and rare Documents. Such results challenge the support of all interested in American History and Literature. The value of the volumes must increase with time. A subscription, in fact, will be in more senses than one a sound investment.

I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

EVERETT A. DUYCKINCK.

H. B. DAWSON, Esq.

XXIV.—From DAVID T. VALENTINE, Esq., the well known Antiquary; Author of The History of the City of New York; and Editor of the series of The Manual of the Corporation of the City of New York, etc.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,
8 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, Sept. 11, 1867.

HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq., Editor of Historical Magazine.

DARL SIR:

I have been a subscriber for, and a careful reader of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, for many years, and have been highly gratified to witness the display of talent, energy and industry exhibited in each successive number by its Editor. I sincerely trust the research, ability and impartiality manifested in the conduct of the work, meet with just appreciation from a discerning public, and that the pecuniary reward is fully commensurate with the value of the Magazine as a standard work of reference to the students and admirers of authentic American History.

Wishing you success, and a brilliant future for your valuable publication,

I am, dear Sir,

Truly yours,
D. T. VALENTINE.

XXV.—From JAMES PARTON, Esq., the distinguished Biographer of Aaron Burr, Andrew Jackson, Benjamin Franklin, etc.

NEW YORK, 303 E. 18th Street, Sept. 17, 1867.

MY DEAR MR. DAWSON:

My opinion of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE cannot be of very much value, for the reason that I am an interested party. Not one number has appeared in five years which did not contain at least one thing of use to me in my vocation. You might as well ask a carpenter what his candid opinion of the hammer is. All he could say would be, that he could not do without it.

Of all the persons connected with literature whom I have ever known, you are by far the most industrious and persevering. Often you say things in the Magazine from which I most vehemently dissent, but I like it all the better for that. It is always a comfort to find any one who has an opinion—whether wrong or right—and this is a solace which you afford your readers every month. I do not see how any one occupied with historical pursuits, either as writer, student, or collector, can afford to do without the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE.

Very truly yours,

JAS. PARTON.

XXVI.—From JAMES RIKER, Esq., Author of Annals of Newtown, Queen's Co., N. Y.

HERKIMER, N. Y., August 24, 1867.

MY DEAR DAWSON:

Your favor of August 10th was delivered at my residence after I had left the city for a tour in the country, and has finally reached me at this place. I beg you to accept this apology for my delay in answering it.

I fancy THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE has gained a reputation in the field of choice historical literature which cannot be essentially affected by anything which I may say in its behalf. But if my humble testimony to its permanent excellence be worth anything, I can give it very cheerfully and very honestly, too. Having taken the Magazine from its first issue, I have learned to appreciate it as an invaluable repository of rare facts relating to American History, culled with care and discrimination, and, I may be permitted to add, never more so, nor with more editor al ability, than under the present management. Its articles are uniformly interesting and of marked intrinsic worth, and its faithful reproduction of our early Records adds a feature to the

Magazine of inestimable value to the student and lover of ancient historical lore.

I trust the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE may ever enjoy a generous patronage, and its worthy and accomplished Editor be abundantly rewarded for his painstaking labors in the cause of historic truth.

I remain, dear sir, yours truly,

JAMES RIKER.

XXVII.—*From Rev. E. H. GILLETT, D.D., Author of The Life and Times of John Huss, History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, etc.*

HARLEM, N. Y. CITY, August 12, 1867.

MY DEAR DAWSON:

My heart is with you in your enterprise for extending the circulation of the Magazine. I regard it as indispensable to all historical students, and many a singular article like that of Mr. Moore in the June number is worth, to persons investigating the facts of our Colonial History, ten times the amount of a year's subscription to the Magazine.

I do not know that I can say anything worth your using. But if a stranger asked me for my opinion, my reply would be something like this :

Mr. Dawson is an enthusiast in historical studies, with clear and definite opinions of his own, not by any means always accordant with those of perhaps the mass of his readers, and yet withal resolutely and boldly honest, disposed to give every one a fair hearing, and let the facts of History cut their way right or left, as Truth demands. THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, under his management, has become a valuable repository of curious and important matters, bearing upon the various phases of our Civil and Ecclesiastical History. No one who wishes to keep pace with the progress of historical investigation in this country, can afford to do without it. He has enlisted as collaborators in his work a large number of the ablest of our historical writers, and his enterprise should receive a hearty support and large patronage throughout the entire country.

Very truly yours,

E. H. GILLETT.

XXVIII.—*From FRIEDRICH KAPP, Esq., Author of Life of the Baron Steuben, The Life of General De Kalb, etc.*

4 WALL STREET, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1867.

MY DEAR MR. DAWSON:

I have always considered it my duty, and much more considered it so since your accession to the editorship, to do all in my power for increasing the number of the subscribers to THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE.

I am sorry that you are thus bound to look out for new subscribers, as your able and energetic efforts ought to have secured to you the sympathy and co-operation of all students of American History.

Even in Germany, where they buy less books than in this country, almost every Province has its Historical Magazine, and besides, there is published an excellent Historical Quarterly—*Sybel's Historische Zeitschrift*—which outshines all similar publications known to me, by the brilliancy of its Essays and Reviews, and by the completeness of its criticisms and materials.

It ought to be the aim of every student to join you, and to make your paper, which is the only medium of historical reference in this country, still more interesting—more perfect—and an absolute necessity to every lover of History.

I thank you for your past services and trust that the future will bring you a greater success than the past.

Yours truly,

FRIEDRICH KAPP.

XXIX.—*From CHARLES H. HUNT, Esq., the Biographer of Edward Livingston.*

MORRISTOWN, N. J., August 15, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR :

I trust the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE is prospering in a business sense. Surely there are enough scholars and students in the country to give it good support; and what student or scholar can dispense with it? There is no other man who could fill your place as its Editor; and I am therefore anxious

to hear that you are so satisfied with its prospects that there is no doubt of your perseverance in its publication.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES H. HUNT.

HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq.

XXX.—*From JOHN GILMARY SHEA, LL.D., Author of Discovery and Exploration of the Mississippi Valley, History of the Catholic Missions, etc.; Editor of the series of American Linguistics, the Cramoisy series of Jesuit Relations, CHARLEVOIX's History of New France, etc.*

NEW YORK, Sept. 1867.

The successful manner in which Mr. Henry B. Dawson has not only sustained, but enlarged THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, demands the hearty support of all who take an interest in the History of the country; and who will say that the subject is indifferent to him? The increased amount of matter is not the only service rendered by the present Editor. He brings to the examination of historic questions a fearless, pertinacious research, that must tend to bring up the real facts of History, and in his pursuit of Truth knows no partiality or bias.

Yours truly,

J. G. SHEA.

XXXI.—*From FREDERIC S. COZZENS, Esq., Author of The Sparrowgrass Papers, etc.*

CHESTNUT COTTAGE, YONKERS, Aug. 15, 1867.

HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq.,

Editor of Historical Magazine:

MY DEAR SIR:—I have not yet received the July and August numbers of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. Will you please forward them to me? I take a peculiar pleasure in reading this peculiarly American book. Although its criticisms are sometimes severe, yet one cannot help but admire its candor and courage. The old Iconoclasts, or image-breakers, when they hewed down some of the most magnificent sculptures of the Romish Church, managed to let in some chinks of light through the crevices of their destruction; and that light has illuminated the world, from their time down to ours. If you have broken down some of our American idols, with a little too zealous severity, yet on the whole, the air has become purer, and the tottering steps of American History are not a little firmer placed upon the eternal foundations of TRUTH! None of us like to accept unpalatable facts, especially those that contravene long-cherished opinions as to men and events of former days. But the mind of mankind finally adopts them, if urged with sincerity and supported by undeniable proofs.

Truly yours,

FREDERIC S. COZZENS.

XXXII.—*From H. R. STILES, M.D., Author of History of Ancient Windsor, History of the City of Brooklyn, etc.*

NEW YORK, Aug. 12, 1867.

FRIEND DAWSON:

* * * I am especially pleased with your new department in THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE of OUR HISTORICAL WRITERS, which you have so happily inaugurated with a pleasant biography of the late David Dudley Field, D. D., Annalist and Historian. There is, as you know, much of interest and of profit in the lives of these humble laborers, who deal with the dry bones of Genealogy, and who wander, at will, among the byways and hedges of Local History—unknown to the public at large—but happy in their work, and in their modest thought that their toil is appreciated by a chosen few, and that it may, perchance, smooth the path of some greater and more famous scholar. I must confess no page of your Magazine will have so keen a relish for me, as those in which, from time to time, you enshrine the memories of the “rank and file” of our historic Brotherhood.

I must take this occasion, also, to say, that I am well pleased with the Magazine since you took charge of it, a year ago. Its old friends, many of whom, like myself, have read it constantly since its initial number, and who have known of all its ups and downs, have drawn pleasant anguries from the past year's pages, of its future success in your hands. You know we *workers* in historic matters cannot

well dispense with its monthly visits—its eleven volumes are among the best thumbed volumes upon our shelves—we look to its past with confidence, and we “hanker” after its editorial visits as one waits impatiently for a chosen friend. This, *I know*, is the feeling with which it is regarded by many others. Success to you in your endeavors to make it what you propose.

Yours truly,

H. R. STILES, M. D.

XXXIII.—*From JEPHTHA R. SIMMS, Esq., Author of Trappers of New York, History of Schoharie County and Border Wars of New York, etc.*

FORT PLAIN, N. Y., August 14, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR:

Permit me to say that any necessity that should compel you to discontinue the publication of *THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE*, I should look upon as a public misfortune. Under your able and fearless management of it, it is becoming invaluable to the historical student; and almost any late number is worth a year's subscription. The Magazine seems to supply a long-needed repository of historical questions and answers, memoranda of increasing interest, etc., and not a few of them, indispensable to the American writer, will of necessity find their way into it.

The inquiry arises in the mind—who should aid in sustaining the Magazine? I answer, every individual who would garner up the odds and ends of historic lore; every newspaper Editor; every Historical Society; every collegiate and classic School; as also every literary institute in the land; for they all will derive more or less benefit from its perusal. Indeed, every antiquarian needs it: besides, all who can afford to do it, should feel morally bound to aid in promoting so laudable an enterprise, and one calculated so liberally to benefit posterity.

Trusting that your ability, untiring industry, and devotion to the service of your country may meet with the recompense it deserves, I remain,

Your friend,

J. R. SIMMS.

XXXIV.—*From FRANK MOORE, Esq., Editor of Specimens of American Eloquence, The Diary of the American Revolution, The Rebellion Record, etc.*

OFFICE OF THE “REBELLION RECORD,”
NEW YORK, Sept. 27, 1867.

H. B. DAWSON, Esq.:

SIR: I congratulate you upon the success of *THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE*, since you assumed the editorial chair of that periodical, and hope you will meet with that further success which it really deserves. The material you are now garnering up is of the highest importance to those who desire to know the truths of History, not its special pleadings, and your associates in historical study must ever give you not only substantial encouragement but most earnest wishes.

Your friend,

FRANK MOORE.

XXXV.—*From HENRY O'REILLY, Esq., the celebrated Pioneer Telegraphist, and Author of Sketches of Rochester, etc.*

24 PINE STREET, NEW YORK, Oct. 17, 1867.

HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq.,

Editor of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE:

MY DEAR SIR: Many of your friends, as well as myself, are highly gratified with the arrangements you are making for increasing the usefulness and circulation of your valuable Magazine. The new Departments of Antiquities and Biography cannot fail to awaken additional interest in historical research. The frankness and fearlessness with which you discuss all relevant questions, indicate so plainly a desire that nothing but the truth and the whole truth shall be allowed to pass under your imprint, that all minor differences of opinion should be merged in the respect due to your Magazine as a trusty repository of historical data.

With great regard, yours truly,

HENRY O'REILLY.

XXXVI.—*From WILLIAM SWINTON, Esq., Author of The History of the Army of the Potomac, The Seven Decisive Battles, etc.*

NEW YORK CITY, September 28, 1867.

H. B. DAWSON, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR: I have been an attentive reader of *THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE* ever since you took its management, and have derived so much pleasure and instruction from its perusal that I cannot refrain from expressing to you my satisfaction. You have the courage, without fear or favor, to give a hospitable reception to whatever bears the impress of historical truth; while your bold, incisive editorial comments are of a character to shame our milk-and-water literature. Though it must need be that offence come to some of the weaker sort from your outspoken utterances, I know well that your course gives a lively gratification to all independent minds. I trust the *Magazine* will prove a permanent success, for it deserves to be. I have in my possession a large number of original papers relating to the late war, and if there are among them any that you would like to republish, it would afford me much pleasure to furnish you with copies of them.

With respect and esteem, yours truly,

WM. SWINTON.

XXXVII.—*From CHARLES EDWARDS, Esq., Author of History of Finger-Rings, Pleasantries of the New York Bar, etc.*

NEW YORK, October, 1867.

MY DEAR MR. DAWSON:

THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE really requires no recommendation at the hands of its readers. Still, I can understand how its excellence may not have reached many who, on knowing of its worth, would eagerly take it.

I most readily, as follows, give my own certificate by way of encouraging its circulation: It is edited and got together with great fearlessness, truth, tact and historical knowledge. There is always in it enough for present useful and interesting reading; while it lays down lines of matter which will, in future time, make it eagerly sought after—in the same way as is the *Gentleman's Magazine* of England—by antiquarian and historian. Old volumes must become valuable.

I, unhesitatingly, say all this; and with my best wishes for and belief in the continued success of *THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE* while in your hands,

I remain, your friend,

CHARLES EDWARDS.

XXXVIII.—*From E. B. O'CALLAGHAN, LL.D., Author of History of New Netherland, etc.; and Editor of Documentary History of New York, Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York, etc.*

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RECORDS,
ALBANY, 14th October, 1867.

HENRY B. DAWSON, Esq.

DEAR SIR: I have been a subscriber to *THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE* from its birth; and have so continued through all its vicissitudes.

England has its *Notes and Queries*; France, her *Intermédiaire*; Holland, its *Navorser*; and even Spain supports a similar periodical at Madrid.

The United States can and ought to support respectably a like publication, which has hitherto usefully served those engaged in Historical researches as a means of intercommunication; supplying, at the same time, Historical Documents not otherwise easy of access; and furnishing to all a neutral ground where they can meet for mutual enlightenment and instruction, free from the acerbities of Politics and Polemics.

As the merits of *THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE* improve, so I am satisfied will your industry and perseverance be rewarded by a large subscription list, which is the sincere wish,

Dear sir,

yours, most truly,

E. B. O'CALLAGHAN.

XXXIX.—*From William L. Stone, Esq., Author of The Life of Sir William Johnson, and Editor of The Letters and Journals of the Baroness de Riedesel, etc.*

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 30, 1867.

MY DEAR MR. DAWSON:

I have your favor of the 28th asking my opinion of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. You say you wish me to answer frankly; and frankly I will try to reply.

I consider that it is, as at present conducted, an invaluable aid to every one of Literary and Historical tastes; one that no person who desires to form correct opinions upon the historical events of the past and present days can safely be without.

I have thought, at times, that its tone has been, perhaps, one of too much acerbity, and that the ink with which the Editor's pen has been filled, has contained too great a proportion of gall. Still, in this age, which seems to be, *par excellence*, one of fulsome eulogy and flattery, this very characteristic may serve as a timely balance-wheel, or, to change the metaphor, as a wholesome correction to a false public sentiment.

Wishing you success in your laudable endeavors, believe me,

Cordially yours,

WM. L. STONE.

XL.—*From Hon. THOMAS EW BANK, First Vice-President of the American Ethnological Society, formerly Commissioner of Patents of the United States.*

NEW YORK, October 7, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR:

It gives me pleasure to hear of the continued encouragement THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE receives under your management. Your industry, learning, and acumen are shown in every number. The work increases in interest; and I trust the support of those engaged in Historical studies will enable you to prosecute your plans with every advantage of success.

Yours truly,

THOS. EW BANK.

HENRY B. DAWSON, ESQ.

XLI.—*From Hon. MILLARD FILLMORE, President of the Buffalo Historical Society, late President of the United States.*

BUFFALO, Oct. 8, 1867.

MR. HENRY B. DAWSON:

DEAR SIR: I have your note of yesterday requesting my opinion of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, and I take great pleasure in stating that I have the work from its commencement, and although I take several periodicals, there is none that I read with more pleasure and satisfaction than this. I regard it as a very useful publication, and should be happy to see its circulation extended.

Truly yours,

MILLARD FILLMORE.

XLI.—*From Doctor D. G. BRINTON, the celebrated Ethnologist.*

With the number for July commences the twelfth annual volume of this most interesting and valuable periodical. We doubt not many of our readers are familiar with it, and those who are not, and who take any interest in the History or Antiquities of their country, we earnestly counsel them to become so at once by sending in their names as subscribers. For many years it has been the chief and only repository of American Historical and Antiquarian knowledge. Bancroft, Everett, Sparks, Parkman, Shea, Schoolcraft, and nigh all the other distinguished writers on such topics have been contributors to previous volumes; and we venture nothing in saying that now no one can claim to be acquainted with the past of our country, who has not long and closely consulted its pages. Its present Editor is well known for his uncom-

promising impartiality and minute accuracy in the search for historical truth, and we need not fear for its continued excellence in his hands. (In the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, for June 29, 1867.

XLIII.—*From Rev. HOWARD MALCOM, D.D., President of The American Baptist Historical Society.*

AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16, 1867.

DEAR SIR:

No other periodical which comes under my notice can be relied on for honest notices of new publications. I rejoice that you dare to be singular.

Your fellow laborer,
HOWARD MALCOM.

XLIV.—*From HORATIO GATES JONES, Esq., Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, etc.*

PHILADELPHIA, August, 1867.

I have been a subscriber to and a constant reader of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE from its commencement; and I regard its continuance as of great value to all who are interested in the History of America. As a means of intercommunication, it is of the highest importance to historical students.

HORATIO GATES JONES.

XLV.—*From Hon. BRANTZ MAYER, President of the Maryland Historical Society.*

BALTIMORE, 19th August, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR:

I have been a subscriber to THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE since its commencement, and prize the whole series very much, though a part of it was not equal to the promise of the beginning. But I must especially thank you not only for the revival of the Magazine's high character, but for the additional interest and permanent value of the papers you are now rescuing from destruction. The original articles contributed by yourself and your industrious correspondents, by your brave and candid criticisms, have given force and authority to the Magazine; and I cannot doubt that it will continue to receive a prompt and remunerative support from the students of local and national History, who are so greatly your debtors.

Most respectfully, your obt.,

BRANTZ MAYER,
President of Maryland Historical Society.

XLVI.—*From GEORGE GIBBS, Esq., the well-known Ethnologist, Author of Memoirs of the Administration of Washington and John Adams, etc.*

WASHINGTON, 24th Aug. 1867.

H. B. DAWSON, ESQ.:

DEAR SIR:

I am very glad to hear that you are about to push vigorously your periodical. It has always been a valuable one: it may be made invaluable. Very few even of our historical and literary students, comparatively speaking, are, I imagine, aware of the facilities that it affords for an extensive correspondence; that in a few brief lines of inquiry one can reach thousands of persons, some of whom can probably throw light on the desired point; or that it is an admirable receptacle where may be preserved detached facts.

It often occurs to every student to stumble upon important statements or incidents, not in themselves warranting an essay, or perhaps himself indifferent to the production of one, but none the less valuable to have preserved somewhere. In these two respects, independent of its record, it has no competitor in this country, and for these alone it deserves support.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE GIBBS.

What the Press Says.

I.—From THE PRESS of Maine.

1.—Established first as a medium of intercommunication between historical students and scholars interested in the Antiquities, History, and Biography of our Country, it has come to be a necessity, and we are glad to learn that its subscription list is largely increasing. In its pages will be found a large amount of information, upon the neglected, though important points, of American History and Antiquities, Biographies of eminent Americans, &c.—*Maine Farmer* (Independent), Augusta, March 21, 1867.

2.—We have perused it with much interest, and commend it to the attention of those who take an interest in the Antiquities, History, and Biography of America.—*Daily Eastern Argus* (Democratic), Portland, August 27, 1867.

3.—It continues to show the marked improvement in interest and value which has characterized it since it came into the hands of the present Editor.—*The Portland Daily Press* (Republican), August 24, 1867.

4.—The *Historical Magazine* for February contains a great amount of interesting historical and antiquarian matter, together with the usual Notes and Queries. * * * This Magazine is a valuable publication, and should receive the hearty support of all interested in historical pursuits. It is well conducted, though we notice that its Editor seems to have a spite against Massachusetts, and is disposed to go out of his way to gratify it.—*Portland Transcript* (Republican), March 16, 1867.

5.—We find it full of interesting matter.—*Waterville Mail* (Republican), Waterville, Aug. 30th, 1867.

6.—This Magazine belongs to no party nor clique, but aims to be just to all without fearing any, which is the only way to conduct any periodical. *The Evening Star* (Republican), Portland, Aug. 30th, 1867.

7.—This Magazine is of peculiar interest to the Antiquarian. To those who would know the History of America, its Antiquities, and other points of interest, it is indispensable.—*Evening Journal* (Republican), Lewiston, August 28, 1867.

II.—From THE PRESS of New Hampshire.

1.—Mr. Dawson has had the editorial charge of the Magazine for the past year, and has conducted it with equal ability and independence. We say, *independence*, because that quality is required in managing such a periodical as well as in those of an unhistorical character. Members of the New Hampshire Historical Society should have it.—*Nashua Gazette* (Democratic), June 12, 1867.

2.—It contains much valuable historical reading, and is well conducted. It preserves many historical papers of value that would otherwise be buried in oblivion.—*Portsmouth Journal* (Republican), August 31st, 1867.

III.—From THE PRESS in Massachusetts.

1.—The Magazine contains much interesting and valuable matter relating to early American history.—*The Daily Spy* (Republican), Worcester, Sept. 17, 1866.

2.—Mr. Dawson is placing on permanent record in this Magazine a mass of perishable material relating to American annals, which without the thoughtful care he has exercised would soon be utterly lost.—*The same paper*, Worcester, October 27, 1866.

3.—THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE always has a valuable table of contents, but the pleasure we should otherwise take in its perusal is greatly marred by the anti-North, or more especially, anti-Massachusetts tone which pervades it. The Editor's bitterness toward Boston betrays singular weakness, and the Preface to its last volume is in exceedingly poor taste.* With these exceptions we esteem the Magazine highly, and are always repaid for reading it.—*The Congregationalist* (Orthodox), Boston, March 1, 1867.

* In that Preface we referred to the *repudiation of their debts* by some of the leading men in Massachusetts, because the Magazine had ceased to flatter Boston and Massachusetts. THESE DEBTS HAVE SINCE BEEN PAID, with here and there an exception.—ED. HIST. MAG.

4.—Some very instructive excerpts of a fragmentary sort, and some more elaborate and exhaustive pieces of historical interest fill up the number of the Magazine before us. It is evident that many diligent pens are engaged in providing for the monthly contents of these pages, which are most sure to engage the gratitude of readers the more free they are from especial pleading in behalf of the wrong side of our living politics.—*The Evening Transcript* (Radical), Boston, Nov. 30, 1866.

5.—* * * This sketch of the contents of this single number will convey to our readers some idea of the quality of the Magazine, which, albeit, sometimes to our taste, over sharp, and scarcely fair in some directions, has yet a recognized, and, indeed, unique value, in our literature.—*The Congregationalist and Recorder* (Orthodox Congregational) Aug. 30, 1867.

6.—The enterprising and very able Editor of THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE has given us the memorable sermon of Rev. John Wheelwright, one of the ministers of New England in its earliest history. In so doing he has conferred a great obligation not only upon the historical public, but especially as it enables us to see more clearly the grounds of the great Antinomian contention, which so agitated and rent the Churches of Boston and its vicinity.

* * * * * We greatly regret that we are obliged to omit Mr. Dawson's learned Introduction which fastens severe censure on Winthrop and his party.—*The Panoplist* (Religious), Boston, July, 1867.

7.—THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE is now in able and accomplished editorial hands, in correspondence with the best historical writers in all parts of our country, and conducted as it will be without any taint of partisanship, it is of the first value to every historical scholar and student.—*Watchman and Reflector* (Baptist), Boston, May 9, 1867.

8.—This valuable periodical has again passed into the hands of Henry B. Dawson, as Editor and Proprietor. Its specialty is the discussion of topics relating to the History, Antiquities, Biography, and Standard Literature of America. In carrying out this, it publishes much that is interesting, curious, rare, and valuable, and which is not easily to be obtained in any other source.—*Roxbury Journal*, Sept. 15, 1866.

9.—This Magazine contains much valuable historical reading, and is well conducted. It preserves many historical papers of value that would otherwise be buried in oblivion.—*The Salem Gazette* (Republican), August 27, 1867.

IV.—From THE PRESS of Rhode Island.

1.—This Magazine cannot fail to please a large circle of readers.—*Newport* (R. I.) *Daily News*, Oct. 26, 1866.

2.—We have perused its contents with great interest and pleasure.—*Providence Press*, Sept. 15, 1866.

V.—From THE PRESS of Connecticut.

1.—If rightfully conducted, (and it seems to be now) it cannot but form an addition to the Magazine literature of the world.—*New Haven Palladium* (Republican), Aug. 18, 1866.

2.—*The Historical Magazine*, as usual, is full of interesting matter.—*The same*, Jan. 26, 1867.

3.—This Magazine fills a very valuable place in our current literature, and deserves a generous support. It is calculated to achieve a very wide circulation. Americans care too little for History; and this fact makes it the more incumbent on those who properly appreciate the value of a periodical devoted to so important a subject, to properly sustain its Editor in his conscientious and successful efforts to make a valuable historical magazine.—*The same*, Sept. 27, 1867.

4.—As we have before said, this work has a field unoccupied by others, and is doing good service by placing on record waifs of History and Biography, which otherwise would be lost.—*Evening Farmer* (Democratic), Bridgeport, Nov. 12, 1866.

5.—The Magazine is of great value to all interested in historical antiquities.—*Bulletin* (Republican), Norwich, Sept. 17, 1866.

6.—It is full of very interesting matter relative to our earlier history.—*The same*, Feb. 19, 1867.

7.—Of the usual interest to delvers into old historical matters.—*The same*, Mar. 23, 1867.

8.—*The Historical Magazine*, under the editorship of Mr. Henry B. Dawson, brings together a great deal that is curious and interesting to historical students. The Notes and Queries are the most entertaining part of the Magazine.—*Evening Press* (Republican), Hartford, Oct. 31, 1866.

9.—*The Historical Magazine* for December is a readable number, filled with matter that will attract the attention of all historical students, with very much in it of popular interest.—*The same*, Jan. 24, 1866.

10.—The industrious Editor of *The Historical Magazine* constantly digs up interesting material and makes each number lively and readable.—*The same*, Mar. 8, 1867.

11.—The contents of *The Historical Magazine* for March will interest and "stir up" as many people as its issue usually does. * * * The Magazine shows continued industry.—*The same*, Mar. 26, 1867.

12.—Its Notes and Queries concerning the Antiquities, History and Biography of America are always interesting and valuable for future reference, and show a large amount of able and patient research.—*Daily Courant* (Republican), Hartford, November 24, 1866.

VI.—From THE PRESS of New York.

1.—*The Historical Magazine*, under its new Editor, Mr. Henry B. Dawson, shows unwonted vitality. The August number, which has just appeared, is especially interesting and valuable.—*N. Y. Daily Tribune* (Radical), Sept. 18, 1866.

2.—*The Historical Magazine* for July contains numerous articles of antiquarian and historical interest, combined with frequent incidental political discussions and allusions, strongly reflecting the personality of the Editor, who is a zealous advocate of the theory of State Sovereignty.—*The same paper*, Aug. 24, 1867.

3.—Full of matter that will be regarded as valuable by antiquarians and historical students.—*Evening Post* (Republican), New York, Sept. 18, 1866.

4.—*The Historical Magazine* has for its second title "Notes and Queries," but in its general character has more merits than the English Journal of that name, dealing less in trivial matters, and giving better considered and more important papers. It is an excellent Magazine, and is necessary to the student of history.—*Day Book* (Ultra-Democratic), New York, Oct. 6, 1866.

5.—*The Historical Magazine* is a serial of much value and little pretence, and is an absolute necessity for the literary table.—*The same*, Dec. 23, 1866.

6.—The January number is beyond doubt a "golden number." * * * * * *

Following Brodhead's article, we have a reply by the Editor to some strictures of *The Boston Transcript*, which is less a dissection than a flaying of the subject—a flaying in which a considerable portion of the flesh is taken from the bones of the victim, leaving him writhing in *terrorem*.—*The same*, Mar. 23, 1867.

7.—Mr. Dawson's Magazine is worthy of the support and confidence of students of American history. There is no substitute for it.—*The same*, June 15, 1867.

8.—A more useful, interesting, and truly valuable Magazine is not to be found either in Europe or America. Its editor is Henry B. Dawson, Esq. so long, well, and favorably known to his fellow-citizens of this town and to the public at large, as a gentleman and scholar. * * * We cordially recommend it so the patronage of an enlightened and discriminating public.—*Westchester Journal* (Democratic), Morrisania, Feb. 16th, 1867.

9.—Mr. Dawson is an indefatigable worker in the department of history to which he has devoted so large a share of his life; and we cannot doubt the readers of the early history of our country—and all should be readers and students of it—will find this Magazine a mine of most valuable information.—*Peekskill Messenger* (Republican), Feb. 2d, 1867.

* Vide *Revised Statutes*, Part I, Chap. I, Title II, Sec. 1, 2, 8—Fourth Edition, 177.—Ed. Hist. Mag.

10.—*The Boston Transcript* is not pleased with Mr. Dawson's *Historical Magazine*. * * * The trouble with the Magazine seems to be that it has mistaken the object of history, and conceived it to be to throw dirt at Massachusetts—a Commonwealth that can stand the operation BETTER THAN ANY OTHER STATE ON THE GLOBE, and much better than the Editor of the Magazine.—*Daily Union* (Radical), Brooklyn, Feb. 25th, 1867.

11.—*The Historical Magazine*, under the editorial direction of Mr. Henry B. Dawson, is filling an important place in periodical literature.—*Daily Eagle* (Democratic), Brooklyn, July 16th, 1867.

12.—Its great *forte* is the correction of History and the furnishing of Documentary evidence elucidating historical statements. Mr. Dawson is a careful writer, and is well "post-ed," as the phrase goes, in American History.—*Daily City Press*, Newburgh, Aug. 7, 1866.

13.—It contains matter very important to all who would have correct knowledge of the History of our Country.—*Troy Press*, Aug. 11, 1866.

14.—We advise all who are interested in Antiquities to take it.—*Journal*, Fishkill, Oct. 18, 1866.

15.—*The Historical Magazine*, under the editorship of Mr. Henry B. Dawson, increases in interest with every number. Mr. Dawson is perfectly at home in historical matters, and considers anything in that line as a labor of love. He could not fail, therefore, to infuse new life into *The Historical Magazine*. The first number issued under his superintendence, evinced the presence of a new and experienced hand in the chair editorial, and in each succeeding number the interest has been kept up. *The Historical Magazine* should have a place in every library.—*Yonkers Gazette* (Democratic), Nov. 3, 1866.

16.—This Magazine is now edited by Mr. Henry B. Dawson, who has made this particular line of literature his study for years, and has gained a high reputation for his historical researches. * * * The Magazine deserves success, and should be in every scholar's library.—*Yonkers Statesman* (Republican), Nov. 22, 1866.

17.—It shows the industry and research for which the Editor is remarkable. * * * The number altogether recommends itself to the student of American History.—*The same*, Jan. 31, 1867.

18.—There are few if any persons living better qualified in every way for the compilation and editorship of such a magazine, than is Mr. Dawson. The subject of History has been his study for years, and he has consequently become perfectly conversant with everything in connection therewith. In his own article he fearlessly tells the truth about men and their acts, though to do so may to some seem irreverent.

The Magazine itself is worthy the support of all lovers of History; and we believe that none of this numerous class would be without it if they could peruse the number before us.—*Westchester Times* (Republican), Morrisania, Feb. 15, 1867.

19.—No student of History should be without this work. Its researches are truly wonderful.—*The same*, Aug. 23, 1867.

20.—From the appearance and contents of the July number, which is before us, we have formed a high opinion of its character and value.—*Christian Enquirer* (Unitarian), New York, Sept. 6th, 1866.

21.—This Magazine contains a great deal of curious, valuable, and interesting matter; and in the rich but almost neglected field of American Antiquities it is a gleaner whose monthly shaft is more welcome.—*The same*, Sept. 20th, 1866.

22.—*The Historical Magazine* is now under the editorship of Mr. Henry B. Dawson, than whom no one is more competent for such a task. It appears in the handsomest typography, and its contents, which are exactly the sort for which there is never any place in a daily newspaper, are in their kind, fresh and interesting to a degree never reached in former numbers of that old and valuable periodical.—*Daily World* (Democratic), New York Nov. 3d, 1866.

23.—Bancroft is skinned alive and likewise grilled in the June number of *The Historical Magazine*, which periodical, Mr. Dawson makes as readable as a daily newspaper, by

treating the dead as if they had once lived, and were of flesh and blood and human passions, and by treating the living, who ought to be dead, in a way that must assist them in the discharge of that duty.—*The same*, New York, July 23d, 1867.

24.—Under Mr. Dawson's judicious management this publication has greatly increased in interest.—*Journal of Commerce*, (Commercial), New York, Oct. 30th, 1866.

25.—It is a well-conducted monthly periodical, devoted to the exposition of the Antiquities, History, and Biography of America. It lately passed back under the control of Henry B. Dawson of Morrisania. With him are associated many writers of eminence, who have the ability to render this magazine very useful to the progress of historic research. It is handsomely gotten up, and each number contains a large amount of curious and interesting matter.—*Christian Intelligencer*, (Ref. Dutch) New York, Nov. 1st 1866.

26.—*The Historical Magazine* edited by Henry B. Dawson, Esq., has a peculiar value, and is entitled to the particular patronage of that large public which is interested in historical inquiries.—*The Same*, Aug. 1st, 1867.

27.—It is full of interest and variety.—*Episcopalian*.

28.—This is a very interesting and valuable periodical, and one which must find an entrance to every library.—*The Sunday Mercury*, New York, Feb. 3d. 1867.

29.—This important periodical, which is devoted to the collection and preservation of the Antiquities, History, and Biography of our country, has recently passed into the hands of Henry B. Dawson, Esq., who is devoting himself to its interests with all the enthusiasm of a genuine antiquary. The volume which was closed with the December number, has many original historical papers of great importance, which but for this channel would probably have perished. The Magazine is one which, for the general interests of National Literature and History, should be sustained by the pens and the subscriptions of men of letters.—*Observer*, (Presbyterian) New York, Feb. 7th, 1867.

30.—The publication now commences its eleventh year with a new series; and the lovers of true History and valuable Antiquities will do well to subscribe at once.—*American Baptist*, New York, Feb. 19th, 1867.

31.—It is a valuable publication, and shows great research.—*Turf, Field and Farm*, (Sporting), New York, March 30, 1867.

32.—A very useful, and, we are glad to learn, pecuniarily successful work.—*Daily Times*, (Republican), Jan. 21st, 1867.

33.—The Editor of *The Historical Magazine*. Mr. Dawson, of Federalist memory, is displaying a good deal of enterprise in making that publication a repository of things rare and curious. He is exhuming from their archives ancient documents which throw new light on the history of the past.—*Evangelist*, (Presbyterian) New York, May 23d, 1867.

34.—The Magazine is well worthy of an extended patronage. The Editor has some theories not very generally shared by the community, but he gives every party a fair hearing, and succeeds in bringing together a large mass of curious and valuable historical material from a great variety of sources.—*The same paper*, Sept. 5, 1867.

35.—This Magazine contains much curious and valuable information.—*Protestant Churchman*, (Episcopalian), New York, July 18, 1867.

36.—It shows the careful and enterprising editorship of Mr. Henry B. Dawson. The number contains many very valuable papers, and a mass of interesting facts.—*Commercial Advertiser*, (Republican), New York City, Aug. 23, 1867.

37.—This Magazine very faithfully adheres to its own speciality, which, however, is a subject of such extent and variety that there is no danger of necessary sameness in its matter. The Editor is not at all deficient of positive opinions nor of the courage to assert and maintain them. It is a publication that evinces real ability. * * * Altogether the Magazine is a work that no one who is interested in American History can afford to do without.—*The Christian Advocate*, (Methodist Episcopal), Aug. 29, 1867.

38.—It is difficult to estimate too highly the historical value of many of the original documents gathered up from unexpected quarters and preserved from oblivion in the pages of this Magazine. To those who desire to acquire a correct knowledge of facts relating to the early history of the country without taking the trouble of consulting old authorities and musty volumes, to those who find amusement in contrasting the homely dwelling-places and familiar haunts of their forefathers with the changed aspects wrought in these localities by wealth and civilization, and to others whose pride of family leads them to find gratification in seeing the names of their progenitors honorably mentioned in records dating back two centuries ago, the present work will prove an interesting repertory, which will become every year more valuable. * * * The selections are carefully made, and there is a mass of information collected in this work which may be referred to in after times by all who seek for archeological information about persons, places, and things belonging to New York.—*The Round Table* (Biographical), New York City, Aug. 31, 1867.

39.—It is now a valuable repository of many original papers, printed for the first time, and of articles and notes relating to disputed points in the history of this country that find no place so proper elsewhere.—*The Nation*, (Republican), New York, January 31st, 1867.

40.—The contents will compare favorably with those of any other publication of its class in the country.—*Daily Register*, Hudson, Aug. 6 1866.

VII.—From the PHILADELPHIAN PRESS.

1.—It especially recommends itself to those who take an interest in our own country's past history.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*, August 13, 1866.

2.—One of the most useful of American publications. * * * It contains a large amount of most interesting, curious, and rare information. It is a Magazine which should be subscribed for by every scholar and gentleman of literary attainments.—*Sunday Dispatch*, (Literary) edited by Thompson Wesco t, Esq., the Historian, February 17, 1867.

3.—It is one of the best, most useful, and instructive periodicals issued in this country.—*The same paper*, Sept. 21, 1867.

4.—We are glad to call the attention of those of our readers, who take an interest in such matters, to this valuable periodical. It is, by all odds, the best publication of the kind that has appeared in this country, more nearly resembling, in a single department, the English *Notes and Queries*, than any other. It appears monthly. Its Editor, Mr. Henry B. Dawson of Morrisania, is a thorough master of the details of American History, and entirely free from those social and political influences which have twisted the judgment of many a student. If he encounters a stubborn, well-attested fact, he gives it. He is entirely catholic in his judgment; and, best of all, he is absolutely free from the wretched New England influence which has done so much, and will, if not checked, do more, to poison the wells of historic Truth.—*The Age* (Democratic), Philadelphia, March 16, 1867.

5.—One of the most interesting publications of the day is *THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE*. * * * It is a handsome square octavo, of sixty-four pages, and the typography is all that could be desired by the most fastidious. Henry B. Dawson is the Editor, and strives with his utmost power to make the Magazine acceptable to its patrons. Such a work cannot be too widely extended, when the small price of the annual subscription—five dollars—is considered. We commend it to all who have any interest in American History.—*The Daily Press*, edited by Col. J. W. Forney (Republican), Philadelphia, March 26th, 1867.

VIII. From the SOUTHERN PRESS.

1.—This monthly is specially valuable as discussing and settling questionable statements that may have become current as History. While dealing with subjects that may not attract popular attention, it must, if it fulfills its peculiar mission, be regarded as a valuable Periodical among literary persons. It is very difficult to make such a Magazine what it ought to be. We wish it abundant success in its laudable labors in behalf of Truth. *Christian Advocate*, (Methodist) Richmond, August 23d, 1866.

2.—The December number is on our table, so beautifully printed that the very types seem to say, "Read," "Read," * * * The other articles have interest; and there is many a dainty morsel for bookworms scattered through its pages.—*The same*, January 31st, 1867.

3.—It is indispensable to all historical students.—*The same*, August 15th, 1867.

4.—We have no hesitation in strongly recommending this Magazine to our readers. It is always full of information that cannot be got elsewhere, and it is of an impartial and honest tone that is wholly relieved of sectionalism and prejudice. We know of no Northern publication more fair toward all parts of the country than this. It is a high ascription of praise to say this in these days of partisan and sectional malignity.—*Daily Examiner*, (Democratic), Richmond, September 18th, 1866.

5.—This Journal being National in its character and patriotic in its spirit, and with an eye single to Truth in all its investigations, is entitled to the patronage of all who desire to see the scattered fragments of our History garnished up and preserved.—*The same paper*, February 19th, 1867.

6.—In the notices of new publications the Editor deals severely but justly and fearlessly. This sterling Magazine is admirably conducted, and it should be patronized by every one who feels the least interest in his country's history.—*The Same*, June 12th, 1867.

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8.—It pleases us. We like its style of getting up. Many of its papers are selected, and prepared from rare historical volumes and manuscripts, and evince care and research. * The design of this Magazine is good. Its numbers are not only worth reading as they are issued, but valuable to file.—*Field and Fireside* (Literary), Raleigh, N. C., September 29th, 1866.

9.—An able and highly valuable periodical. * * * The American public owes to Mr. Moore and to Mr. Dawson, the trenchant and most vigilant Editor of this Magazine, its most grateful acknowledgments for their good services in the cause of Justice, History, and Truth.—*The Mercury*, Charleston, February, 1867.

10.—It is worthy of the support of all who are interested in historical truth; and the Editor, Mr. Henry B. Dawson, is in every way admirably well qualified for his position.—*The same paper*, Sept. 4th, 1867.

11.—It makes valuable contributions to the historical literature of the age. It is not the organ of any party or clique, and deserves, we think, the most generous support. * * * The Book Notices also are particularly clever, generally discriminating, and therefore a valuable feature of the Magazine.—*Daily Enquirer and Examiner*, Richmond, Va., August 26th, 1867.

12.—We have watched this periodical with great interest, and have to express our high appreciation of the eminent judgment and general ability with which it is conducted. It deserves the warm support of all the friends of American

historical and antiquarian research; and no person claiming special interest in this department of knowledge can afford to do without it. It seems to be managed with the greatest independence, every subject entertained in its pages receiving that calmness and carefulness of consideration which belongs to historical research. We commend this Magazine to the attention of all historical scholars in an especial manner; and to all the cultivated public as well.—*National Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., September 16th, 1867.

13.—THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE comes to us freighted with its usual sterling variety of American History and Biography.

Mr. Dawson, the editor, is as indefatigable as he is judicious and penetrating in his analysis. There are in the present issue no less than eighteen different captions, representing as many different topics, and these in their turn, representing almost as many different sections of country, all of which appeal, in interest, more or less to the nation at large. We repeat our recommendations to the students of American history, by all means to possess themselves of this valuable periodical.—*Charleston (S. C.) Courier*.

14.—THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, conducted by Henry B. Dawson, of New York, is a monthly, comprising notes and queries concerning the antiquities, history and biography of America. This book is essential to the statesman, the politician, and the historical student. Its collection, already made, of American materials, ancient records, documents, correspondence, etc., is of singular value. Its editor, Mr. Dawson, has greatly distinguished himself as an antiquarian and historical critic, and, with a dissecting process wholly his own, not forbearing the scalping knife and tomahawk, has served up a goodly host of the humbugs in our history, who, under false pretences and by the trickeries of certain sections, have acquired a celebrity and a reputation for good performances of which they were wholly innocent. It is delightful to see how deftly he can strip the barn door fowl of all its peacock feathers.—*Southern Society*, Baltimore, Md.

Addenda.

1.—The good opinions that have greeted THE HISTORICAL MAGAZINE from learned societies and scholars all over the country, are familiar to all who have taken even a moderate interest in the details of American history. The nation's history is crowded with events from its earliest days; it has run through a period so marked by strong opinions, free intelligent criticism of men and ideas, and with these such novel governmental problems have been in process of solution, that the documents illustrative of this history deserve most careful preservation. The collation of these documents, so as to display conflicting opinions with fairness, is the chief duty of an Historical Magazine. Mr. Henry B. Dawson, of Morrisania, who assumed the charge of the Magazine with the new series, is a gentleman whose scholarly acquirements and candor are unquestioned.—*East Brooklyn Gazette*, November, 1867.

2.—We have read a large majority of the articles and find them of exceeding interest, discussing, as do their authors, subjects not only of the past but of the present. Such a magazine is of great value, not only in bringing to light the occurrences of days gone by, but in setting right many controverted points. Historical students are great workers and great controversialists as well.—*Brunswick (Me.) Telegraph*, October 4, 1867.



See next three pages for specimens of this work.

Camp; and that, until Washington had been formally invested with authority to command the troops from Rhode Island, by Rhode Island's own local authorities, he had less authority among them than any Corporal of their number. Yet such were the facts.

Again: when General Greene would arrest David Mathews, a prominent Loyalist of New York, he did not presume to do so, even by his own troops, until he had obtained a warrant for the arrest, from the local civil authorities; yet the Author of this work sees nothing in that notable instance of his grandfather's recognition of the supremacy of the civil over the military power, even in the midst of a war, as worthy of a syllable of comment, notwithstanding he is very profuse in his admiration of what, in the same case, he regards as "the domination of the strong 'hand and absolute will' of his ancestor. Very much stronger than "the strong hand," in this instance, we submit, was General Greene's implicit obedience to the Civil law, even when dealing with a public enemy, in time of Civil War.

We will mention only another instance—that, on page 193, in which the Author speaks of "the Park, then open ground and frequently used for drill and parades," on which the General is said to have first seen Hamilton; without indicating *where* that "Park" was. As New York City had not been referred to, for many pages, no one who was previously unacquainted with the facts would have suspected that that acquaintance was formed, if Professor Greene is correct, on what was then the Common, now "the Park," in New York City.

We mention these as instances of the Author's forgetfulness that the usefulness of his volumes may be greatly impaired by the omission of a very few lines, which are absolutely necessary to enable the general reader to understand the details of the narrative; and we venture to express a hope that this fault may be avoided in the volumes which are to follow.

The typography is very good; but a work of this importance, one would suppose, might have secured a steel-plate portrait of its subject, instead of an ordinary photograph.

6.—*Military History of Ulysses S. Grant, from April, 1861, to April, 1865.* By Adam Badeau, Colonel and Aide-de-camp to the General-in-chief. Brevet Brigadier-general U. S. Army. Volume I. New York: D. Appleton & Company. 1868.

This volume is the first of a series in which only the professional career of General Grant is to be noticed; and it is from the pen of a member of his personal staff having the free use of all the correspondence and documents at Head-quarters and the War Department, including the

papers of the enemy which were captured at the close of hostilities. It brings the subject down to the promotion of Grant to the Lieutenant-generalship; and as it is issued with the General's entire personal approbation, it may be considered as nearly Autobiographical.

The authority of this volume, under these circumstances, as far as its relation of facts is concerned, cannot be disputed, even if the expressions of its Author's judgment shall sometimes be open to dissent; and it will continue to be regarded through all time to come, as one of the leading authorities concerning the War of Secession.

It is very beautifully printed, on good paper; and the profuse use of authoritative Maps renders the text much more intelligible to the non-professional reader than is usually the case.

7.—*History of the American Civil War.* By John William Draper, M.D., LL.D. In three volumes. Volume I. containing the Causes of the War, and the events preparatory to it, up to the close of President Buchanan's Administration. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1867. Octavo, pp. 567. Price \$3.50.

In this handsome volume, we have the first of a series in which the learned Author proposes to treat of the causes which led to the recent Civil War, and of the events connected with it, not, he says, in a partisan, but in a philosophical and impartial spirit; which every one will admit is as unusual as it is commendable.

Although this volume is merely introductory, the learned Author unfolds in it the leading features of his system; and, except in his description and discussion of military affairs, we are already enabled to judge of the general course of his reasoning and the general character of his work.

The Doctor maintains, for instance, that the History of the United States may be divided into three distinct Divisions, each relating to a distinct period of what he styles the "American National 'Life'"—the first concerning the period during which the leading feature was "an earnest acceptance of the Idea of Political Unity;" the second concerning the period in which was manifested a tendency to a "Decomposition of the 'Nation which had arisen from that Idea, into 'two Geographical and Opposing Political powers, the North and the South, or the Free and the Slave;" and the third concerning "the Conflict of those two Powers for Supremacy." In the volume before us, the Doctor discusses the first two of these subjects; and that of the third is left for the second and third volumes of the series.

In the consideration of this work it may be well to ascertain, first, the standpoint from which the Author has surveyed the Past of our Country and undertaken to describe it, *historically*—for this work claims to be a "History of

TAMMANY SOCIETY.—I find in the *New York Daily Gazette*, for May 12. 1790, the following item of intelligence:

“The Society of St. Tammany being a national Society, consists of Americans born, who fill all offices, and adopted Americans who are eligible to the honorary posts of Warrior and Hunter.

“It is founded on the true principles of Patriotism, and has for its motives, charity and brotherly love.

“Its officers consist of one Grand Sachem, twelve Sachems, one Treasurer, one Secretary, one Door-keeper; it is divided into thirteen tribes, which severally represent a State; each tribe is governed by a Sachem the honorary posts in which are one warrior and one hunter.”

Is this organization still kept up, in its original form?

G. S. U.

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XXI.—REPLIES.

THE HOMESTEAD OF ETHAN ALLEN (H. M., II., ii., 177.)

NORTH BENNINGTON, VT., {

January 17, 1868.

MY DEAR SIR: Referring me to page 177 of the September number of the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, you inquire if the statement is correct that Ethan Allen's house is still standing in Bennington Center? I answer it is not.

I am quite sure Colonel Allen never owned a residence in Bennington, and I do not think his family ever lived in the town; if they ever did it was but for a very short period. He came to Bennington about 1770, and spent most of his time here until he was made prisoner at Montreal, in September, 1775—his Bennington home being at the public house of Captain Stephen Fay—his family remaining at Salisbury, Connecticut, or Shefield, Massachusetts. In 1777, during his captivity, his family removed to Sunderland, fifteen miles North of this town, near the residence of his brother, Ira Allen. Colonel Allen was exchanged in the spring of 1778, and from that time his residence is understood to have been in that town until 1787, when he went to live at Burlington, where he died on the tenth of February, 1789. He built a house in Sunderland, which is said to have been taken down about 1845.

While superintending the publication of his *Oracles of Reason*, in 1784, he spent some months, probably without his family, at the house of his friend, Joseph Fay, and was frequently there afterwards, until he moved to Burlington. From this circumstance the house of Mr. Fay has sometimes been spoken of as having been the residence of

Colonel Allen. It is doubtless the house which gave rise to the statement which has been noticed in your Magazine. It could, however, in no proper sense have been called Colonel Allen's homestead. It was a first class house for the time and place of its erection—its length fronting the street, a wide hall through the center, one story high, with gambrel roof and dormer windows. It is still standing in a dilapidated condition, turned into a tinner's shop.

The tavern-house of “Landlord Fay,” sometimes called “the Green Mountain Tavern,” which was Allen's headquarters previous to his captivity, and the headquarters of the “Green Mountain Boys,” in their contests with the “Yorkers,” as it was also of the Vermont Council of Safety, during the trying campaign of 1777, is still standing at Bennington Center. It is a two story house, some forty feet square, substantially built, but fast going to decay. Until within the past year, it has been used and occupied as a private dwelling by descendants of the original proprietor.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

HILAND HALL.

HENRY B. DAWSON, ESQ., Editor {
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COMMODORE TUCKER.—In answer to the Query of J. W., in the HISTORICAL MAGAZINE of January last (II., iii., 51), “A Life of Commodore Tucker,” is now in press, and will be published early in March. It will be a volume of three hundred and eighty-four pages, handsomely printed, and containing an account of the principal Battles and achievements of this hero of the Revolution, from authentic sources.

J. H. S.

BOSTON, February 24, 1868.

MR. SUMNER ON SENECA'S PROPHECY CONCERNING AMERICA. (H. M. II., ii., 192.)

I.

EAST GREENWICH, R. I., January 27, 1868.

MY DEAR DAWSON: I have not seen Doctor Hedge's note to *The Transcript*, but Sumner's article is before me, and I am at a loss to understand the ground upon which the charge of confounding the two Senecas and mistranslating the well-known lines of the *Medea* is founded. His words are—“Foremost among all those were the well-known verses of the Spaniard, Seneca, in the chorus of his *Medea*.”

Now, as this is the only mention which he makes of Seneca, and both the Senecas, father and son, were natives of *Cordova*, in Spain, how has he confounded the philosopher and the tragedian?

I am equally at a loss to discover in what the

I.—A LEAF OF MASSACHUSETTS HISTORY.

PURITANS, INDIANS AND DOGS.

“Ἐπὶ θῆραν καὶ κυνηγεσίον ἀθρώπων εξηλθε.”—
PLUTARCH: *Alexander*.

“Cry Havock, and let slip the dogs of war.”—SHAKESPEARE.

IN 1656, John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians, appealed to the Commissioners of the United Colonies for the appointment of some agents “in the Massachusetts to promote and forward the worke among the Indians; both in respect of their gourment & Incurrign meet Instruments or their further healp and Instruction.” The Commissioners, conceiving the said Indians to belong to the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts, referred the matter, with power, to the wisdom and care of that government.

The next topic of consideration is so graphically stated in the Act by which it was disposed of, as to need no further comment by way of introduction. The reader may refer it to any branch of the “Indian worke” of that generation which he may “thinke meete.”

“**W**HERAS it was presented to the Commissioners by Mr. hollihock of Sprinkfield that Mastiffe Doggs might bee of good vse against the Indians in case of any disturbance from them which they Reddily apprehending thought meet to comend the same to the seuerall Generall Courts to take care and make prouision thereof accordingly.”—*Plymouth Colony Records*, x., 168; *Hazard*, ii., 359.

A marginal note in the Plymouth Colony Records is—“this to be propounded to our Court.” Doubtless the “severall Generall Courts” did act with due promptness and discretion in the premises, but we find no traces in the published records of any separate action at that time. It had been the practice previously for the town aat any rate not restricted to the particular towns. Whether the “*Hunt Serjeant*” was the highest in command, when the “hunt was up,” is a question which we are unable to solve, and must refer to those who have access to the original documents in the Archives of the State. We have heard Mr. Bancroft speak of having met with accounts of parties going out against the Indians, “double-dogged.”

We have met with a Law of the Province “concerning dogs,” which is interesting and perhaps unique in the history of American Legislation—although it may have its parallel in later provisions of Southern Codes for improvement of the

means of hunting for fugitive slaves. It was passed at the October Session of the Great and General Court, 1706; and appears among the printed Laws of that period.

The first Act of the Session was “*An Act for Maintaining and Propagating of Religion.*” It re-inforced, by suitable enactments, the previous laws for securing to all the towns in the Province, an “able, learned and orthodox” ministry, with a view to rendering the said Laws more effectual, thorities to procure hounds for the use and at the expense of the towns. The object was to improve all means for the destruction of wolves; and no dog could be kept without the approbation of the Selectmen, who were also authorized to quarter the town dogs on any of the inhabitants they should choose, excepting Magistrates, who could keep dogs of their own or decline to board the public dogs, at their pleasure.

From the character of the proposition of “Mr. ‘hollihock,’ it is apparent that the use of their hounds against Indians, was a novelty in 1656—at any rate was not a general custom, however successful it might have been previously in private practice. There is no room for doubt, however, that the suggestion was “improved,” or that these four-footed auxiliaries played an important part in the long Indian Wars which fill so much of the Colonial and Provincial history of the Country.

The business was reduced to a system, and an organization is indicated, in subsequent legislation, which employed officers whose jurisdiction appears to have been general in the Frontiers, or and “to prevent the growth of Atheism, Irreligion and Prophaneness.”

On the next page—barely separated from the foregoing by a brief Act to revive a former Statute to protect her Majesty’s soldiers and seamen from Arrest for debt, etc—is the following:

An Act for the Raising & Increase of Dogs, for the better Security of the Frontiers.

WHEREAS upon Tryal lately made of Rangeing and Scouring the Woods on the Frontiers, with Hounds and other Dogs used to Hunting, It has proved of great Service to discourage and keep off the Indians,

For Encouragement therefore to Raise and Train up a greater number of Dogs, to be improved.

Be it Enacted by His Excellency the Governoour, Council and Rep-

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